

Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting SeaTac Conference Center

July 21, 2016

Facilitator/Chair:

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Members Attending:

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Kristi Rice
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Casey Zimmer

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<p><u>Introductions, Welcome, and Minutes/Agenda Approval</u> <i>Scott Lindquist</i></p> <p>Welcome to Casey Zimmer from the Washington Health Care Authority (HCA). Casey’s appointment was previously held by Lisa Humphreys.</p> <p>Welcome to Cicely Bacon, the new Office Manager for the Office of Immunization and Child Profile. Cicely is in the position that Nicole Avelar held for many years.</p> <p>Update VAC contact information (private contact list).</p>	<p>Minutes from the 4/21/2016 VAC meeting were approved.</p> <p>Agenda approved.</p> <p>Casey has worked for 29 years in State government. Most of that service has been with HCA and Medicaid. She currently works for HCA as an Occupational Nurse Consultant.</p> <p>Members reviewed their contact information for accuracy.</p>
<p><u>Conflict of Interest Declaration</u> <i>Michelle Harper</i></p> <p>Link to the Conflict of Interest Policy</p>	<p>No conflicts of interest were declared.</p>
<p><u>VAC Purpose Statement and Membership Policy</u> <i>Michele Roberts</i></p> <p>Some member terms are up or will be soon. The department will let Associations know that they can reappoint members.</p> <p>Reviewed both documents as a group and discussed term limits, representing organizations/agencies, and how to maintain consistency for statewide representation.</p>	<p>Action Items: Update and revise the purpose and membership policy statements. Send to VAC members for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-reference the purpose and membership statement to ensure consistency. • Consider adding “Perinatal Health Care Providers”, “Emergency Medicine”, and “Hospital Association” to the list of organizations that provide representation on the VAC. • Remove from the purpose statement, “<i>Of these members, there shall be no more than 15 physician members.</i>” • Add the following language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “response to and <i>prevention of infectious diseases....</i>” • Implementation of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. • Make sure to address “vaccines across the lifespan.” • Description is too narrow. Help DOH and Washington achieve the full benefit of vaccines to prevent disease and disability across the lifespan.” • Reflect that VAC gives input beyond clinical guidance, such as vaccine hesitancy and increasing

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<p><u>Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Update</u> <i>Chas DeBolt</i></p> <p>Chas briefly talked about implementing <i>Acute Flaccid Myelitis</i> (AFM) surveillance to assure polio case ascertainment. She also shared the June 2016 <i>epiTRENDS</i> article on AFM surveillance. There is a national effort to improve surveillance, establish risk factors and causes, and develop potential preventive measures or therapies for this condition. Currently, this is not a notifiable condition in Washington State but the CDC is providing support due to increased number of AFM reports in children across the U.S. since 2014.</p> <p>Chas also recognized Dr. Lilliana Sanchez-Gonzalez. Dr. Sanchez-Gonzalez is a physician from Columbia, a country that does AFP surveillance. She worked closely with Chas on the AFM/Polio project and is the author of the June 2016 <i>epiTRENDS</i> article.</p> <p><u>Program Updates</u> <i>Michele Roberts, Scott Lindquist, Michelle Harper for Linda Barnhart</i></p> <p>Office of Immunization and Child Profile Updates</p> <p><u>Representative June Robinson Update</u> The department met with Representative June Robinson and other immunization stakeholders on June 2, 2016 to give an overview of the IIS School Module roll out and implementation plans. This group continues to prioritize the implementation of the IIS School Module and other activities to help schools comply with current laws, such as the work in Spokane and Pierce Counties to reduce out of compliance rates. The group also wants to see more complete data before pursuing future legislation. Lastly, they would like to see increased focus on increasing immunization rates for toddlers.</p> <p><u>Health Officer's Meeting</u> Scott Lindquist provided a brief summary of the recent Health Officer's meeting along with some insights about the</p>	<p>immunization coverage.</p> <p>Membership Term extensions: Two year terms seem too short. The <u>group favored the option of two, three-year terms</u>. With meetings happening only four times a year, this time frame would allow members to get acclimated to their expectations and role as part of the VAC.</p> <p>See June 2016 <i>epiTRENDS</i> article for more detail.</p> <p>Save the Date – 2017 Washington Immunization Summit April 26, 2017 Registration details</p> <p>Members discussed the following potential policy interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging compliance with immunization requirements for school entry. • Toddler and preschool-aged children immunization rates and child care requirements. • Conditional status – not all were in full agreement about the use of conditional status as a way to keep kids in school. • College requirements – Universities and colleges have the ability to create their own policies around immunization requirements.

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<p>conversation around school and child care vaccine exemptions. The majority of the Health Officers agreed to focus on bringing down out of compliance rates before taking further action on exemption rates. They agreed that we need more time to create more accurate data so that we can get a clearer picture of where to focus resources next.</p> <p><u>IIS School Module Update</u> Michelle Harper gave a brief update on the IIS School Module. DOH has hired two staff to help support the roll-out and implementation of the IIS School Module. They start on August 1, 2016 in Tumwater. DOH is also working to finalize funding for a position that will be located at OSPI. Workgroups are forming to gather broader input on supporting the IIS School Module and DOH is in the process of reviewing the WACs and RCWs that may need to be updated in order to fully support the IIS School Module.</p> <p><u>Vaccine Update</u> <i>Jan Hicks-Thomson</i> See presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine Supply and Management Updates • Adult immunization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vaccines available this year are Tdap, PCV13/PPSV23, Zoster-6, 265, Hep A/B (Twinrix), and HepB. ○ We have funding to support \$1 million worth of vaccine for adults but we have requests for \$2 million. We'll work with the CDC to see if there's additional funding for the remaining requests. <p><u>Flu Vaccine Update</u> <i>Jan Hicks-Thomson</i> See presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACIP Flu Vaccine Update • Flu Vaccine Supply Update • High Dose Flu Vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does the VAC still feel the need for clinical guidance for High Dose flu vaccine this coming season? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel abroad - some expressed concern that students traveling abroad, who are not completely vaccinated, could bring diseases back to the U.S. <p>Health Officers can work with school districts at the local level to explore requirements for student trips abroad.</p> <p>There is plenty of interest in providing vaccines for uninsured and underinsured adults, including pharmacies and hospitals.</p> <p>This is a challenging population to identify. Health care providers are not sure of actual immunization rates in this population or how to effectively reach them. More stakeholder input is needed around barriers.</p> <p>Even without nasal spray vaccine, ACIP expects there to be enough flu vaccine for everyone.</p> <p>Members asked whether or not kids that received the nasal spray this flu season need two doses next season?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOH will research and let the VAC know. <p>Member suggestions regarding High-Dose VAC clinical guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the High-Dose flu vaccine VAC information sheet for now.

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<p><u>Toddler and Preschool Immunization</u> Michele Roberts See presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunization Data • Routine/Current Activities • Special Projects <p>National Immunization Survey (NIS) data for this age range will be released in the fall, which is later than normal. We can discuss that data set at the next meeting.</p> <p>Even if we don't know our exact data, we know we have work to do to improve toddler immunization rates. Working towards getting these children fully immunized, on-time will help increase rates and help with school and child care immunization compliance issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What programmatic work and opportunities are there to help dig into increasing immunization rates among young children? • What opportunities are available in medical settings, child cares, direct communication with parents, and other partners? • What are your organizations/agencies/clinics doing around this issue that we can partner with or help support? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep basic information regarding High-Dose flu vaccine <i>without recommendation</i> as a reference for providers. • Add information about adjuvanted vaccine. <p>Action Item: DOH to draft revised High-Dose flu vaccine information sheet. Send to the VAC for review and comment.</p> <p>A member asked about how complete the data is in the IIS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 2.8 million doses ordered through the state Childhood Vaccine Program. About 95 percent of those doses are captured in the IIS. <p>Members identified the following areas that impact toddler immunization rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access in some areas of the state may be an issue. A possible solution is to make it easier for parents to bring children in for immunizations. • Once kids get behind in their immunization schedule, it's hard for them to catch up. • Check patient immunizations each time a child comes in for a visit. • Obtaining accurate immunization records for children coming from other countries. • Centralization (at DOH) of reminder/recall system. <p>Discussed new provider attitudes, presumptive stance with parents in clinic, pressure on providers (with incentives) to improve rates in their clinics.</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> Time is included in each agenda to allow public attendees time to comment and ask questions about topics discussed during the meeting.</p>	<p>The IACW is holding a Policy Committee meeting on August 10, 2016 at WithinReach in Seattle, Washington. Members were invited to attend.</p>
<p><u>October Agenda Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Immunization • School and Child Care Immunization Criteria Review • NIS Immunization Data: toddler and adolescent 	

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<p><u>Other Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tdap and Pregnancy Data • Perinatal HepB • Immunizations and Refugee Health • College entry requirements 	
<p><i><u>2016 Meetings are at the SeaTac Conference Center From 11:00-2:00 PM.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>The next meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2016.</u></i></p>	